IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of

Frank ARNDT et al. Conf. 5638
Application No. 10/590,962 Group 2834

Filed August 29, 2006 Examiner D. ROSENAU

CLADDING COMPRISING AN INTEGRATED POLYMER ACTUATOR FOR THE DEFORMATION OF SAID CLADDING

Response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 May 18, 2009

Sir:

This responds to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed April 16, 2009.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

An $\mbox{\bf Appendix}$ is attached following the signature page of this paper.

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REMARKS

The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief indicated that the Appeal Brief filed March 23, 2009 did not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of reaction on appeal.

Responsive to this objection, an amended Appeal Brief which replaces the previously filed, but not entered, Appeal Brief is attached hereto.

As this amended Appeal Brief addresses this issue raised by the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Appeal Brief is believed to be fully compliant.

Should there be any outstanding questions, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted telephonically to resolve these as quickly as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- amended Appeal Brief